

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A container for receiving an explosive element and containing fragments projected by an explosion therein thereof, the container comprising:

~~a foldable bag having~~seamless enclosure made of walls defining a first open end and a first closed end at least one wall defining a first enclosure, the seamless enclosure being collapsible, each of the at least one wall being composed of a flexible material of a constant thickness capable of containing the walls are formed by a plurality of independent interleaved plies of material, the material and number of plies are selected to contain fragments projected by the explosion;

an outer casing having a plurality of first and second panels defining a second enclosure for snugly receiving the ~~foldable bag~~seamless enclosure, the first and second panels being rigid, the first panels being hingedly connected to the second panels such that the first panels are movable between a first deployed configuration, where the first panels define a second open end corresponding to the first open end, to a second folded configuration, where the first panels at least partially close the second open end, thereby reducing a height of the outer casing; and

a first attachment system on the outer casing for maintaining the first panels in the first deployed configuration when the container is receiving the explosive element;

whereby ~~a necessary storage space for the container is reduced by folding the foldable bag~~ folded for storage by collapsing the seamless enclosure and moving the first panels of the outer casing in the second folded configuration.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1, further comprising:

an inner casing snugly surrounded by the ~~foldable bag~~ seamless enclosure, the inner casing having a plurality of third and fourth panels defining a third enclosure, the third and fourth panels being composed of a blast mitigation material ~~adapted to~~ significantly reducing a strength of a blast produced by the explosion before the blast reaches the ~~foldable bag~~ seamless enclosure, the third panels being hingedly connected to the fourth panels such that the third panels are movable between a third deployed configuration, where the third panels define a third open end corresponding to the first open end, to a fourth folded configuration, where the third panels at least partially close the third open end, thereby reducing a height of the inner casing; and

a second attachment system on the inner casing for maintaining the third panels in the third deployed configuration when the container is receiving the explosive element;

whereby the first panels of the outer casing can be moved in the second folded configuration at least when the third panels of the inner casing are in the fourth folded configuration.

4. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~1~~23, wherein the flexible material is an extended chain polyethylene fabric.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the first and second panels of the outer casing are composed of a rigid foam core sandwiched between two sheets of polyethylene.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein the outer casing and ~~foldable bag~~seamless enclosure have a prismatic shape.

11. (currently amended) The container according to claim 3, wherein the outer casing, ~~foldable bag~~seamless enclosure and inner casing have a prismatic shape.

12. (currently amended) A method for containing an explosive element located on a surface using a container having an outer casing surrounding a ~~foldable~~collapsible impact-resistant ~~bag~~seamless enclosure, the method comprising the steps of:

unfolding a folded portion of the outer casing such as to obtain a deployed configuration defining a first open end in the outer casing;

engaging an attachment system such as to retain the outer casing in the deployed configuration;

unfolding the ~~foldable bag~~ seamless enclosure such as to define a second open end in the ~~foldable bag~~ seamless enclosure corresponding with the first open end in the outer casing; and

lowering the container on the explosive element such that the explosive element is enclosed in the container with the first and second open end being effectively closed by the surface.

13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the container further comprises an inner casing surrounded by the ~~foldable bag~~ seamless enclosure, wherein after unfolding the foldable bag, the method further comprises the steps of:

unfolding a folded portion of the inner casing such as to obtain a second deployed configuration defining a third open end in the inner casing corresponding with the second open end of the ~~bag~~ seamless enclosure;

engaging a second attachment system such as to retain the inner casing in the second deployed configuration;

and wherein the explosive element is enclosed in the container with the third open end also being effectively closed by the surface.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~14~~ 23, wherein the container has a prismatic shape formed by a top wall and first and second pairs of opposed side walls.

16. (currently amended) The container according to claim 15, wherein the interleaved plies of material is ~~in the form of~~ comprises first, second and third elongated strips of material, the first elongated strip ~~being disposed such as to continuously forming part~~ plies of the plurality of layers of the top wall and plies of the first pair of opposed side walls, the second elongated strip ~~being disposed such as to continuously forming part~~ alternating plies of the plurality of layers of the top wall and plies of the second pair of opposed side walls ~~and the remaining part of the plurality of layers of the top wall, and the third elongated strip being disposed such as to continuously forming~~ alternating plies ~~the remaining part of the plurality of layers of the first and second pair of opposed side walls, the first, second and third elongates strips interleaved such that each of the first, second and third elongated strips forms a continuity of overlapping layers.~~

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1423, wherein the material is flexible such that the container is ~~foldable~~ collapsible.

19. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1423, wherein the material is an extended chain polyethylene fabric.

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a container for receiving an explosive element and containing fragments projected by an explosion thereof, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a prismatic support having a top wall, a first side wall, a second side wall adjacent to the first side wall, a third side wall opposed to the first side wall, and a fourth side wall opposed to the second side wall;

providing first, second and third strips of a material ~~capable of~~ selected to containing fragments projected by the explosion, the first strip having a width generally equal to a width of the first side wall, the second strip having a width generally equal to a width of the second side wall, and the third strip having a width generally equal to a height of the container;

wrapping the first strip such as to subsequently cover the first side wall, top wall and third side wall;

wrapping the second strip such as to subsequently cover the second side wall, top wall and fourth side wall;

wrapping the third strip around the support such as to subsequently cover the first, second, third and fourth side walls;

wrapping the first strip back such as to subsequently cover the third side wall, top wall and first side wall;

wrapping the second strip back such as to subsequently cover the fourth side wall, top wall and second side wall;

wrapping the third strip again around the support such as to subsequently cover the first, second, third and fourth side walls; and

repeating the wrapping steps until a desired thickness of material is obtained over each wall ~~such as to~~ thereby defining the container.

22. (currently amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein after a desired thickness of material is obtained, the container is laminated ~~such as to become~~ for rigidity.

23. (new) A container for receiving an explosive element and containing fragments projected by an explosion thereof, the container comprising a seamless enclosure made of walls defining an open end and a closed end, the walls are formed by a plurality of independent interleaved plies of material, the material and number of plies are selected to contain fragments projected by the explosion.

24. (new) The container according to claim 23, wherein the interleaved plies of material extend in alternating orientations, orthogonal to each other.

25. (new) The container according to claim 24, wherein the interleaved plies of material are in the form of elongated flexible woven strips.

26. (new) The container according to claim 25, wherein the seamless enclosure is a collapsible bag.

27. (new) The container according to claim 26, wherein the walls making up the enclosure have a constant thickness.